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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Certain communities on the Northwest side of the City of Chicago (including Edison Park, Norwood Park, Jefferson Park, Gladstone Park, and Big Oaks) and surrounding suburbs (including Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Harwood Heights, Norridge, Rosemont, Niles, and Schiller Park) lay underneath the key nighttime air routes that converge over the community; this includes 5 glide paths, 2 major take-off plates, and many air routes, all of which are used after 9 p.m.; and

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WHEREAS, These communities of the City of Chicago and surrounding suburbs seek a solution to the nighttime sleep interruptions that occur during the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., including the shoulder hours as well; and

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WHEREAS, The Nextgen Program is currently being applied at O'Hare International Airport, where flights that used to be 5 miles apart will soon have only a 3-mile separation, times 6 east-to-west approach patterns for all inbound flights; and

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WHEREAS, These communities of the City of Chicago and surrounding suburbs are experiencing higher levels of jet noise, especially during the phase 1 nighttime flight operations; and

1 WHEREAS, The Chicago Department of Aviation and the O'Hare
2 Noise Compatibility Commission are tasked with implementing
3 the Residential Sound Insulation Program, a federally-funded
4 program to sound-insulate qualifying residential homes and
5 schools; and

6 WHEREAS, H.R. 3650 (Silent Skies Act), a bill recently
7 introduced in the United States House of Representatives, would
8 further limit the impact of the O'Hare Modernization Plan on
9 the affected communities by amending Title 49 of the United
10 States Code to prohibit the operation of certain aircraft not
11 complying with the Stage 4 Aircraft Noise Standard, an
12 internationally-recognized certification aimed at reducing
13 aircraft noise; and

14 WHEREAS, The ongoing modernization of Chicago-O'Hare
15 International Airport, its impact on nearby residents, and the
16 anticipated growth in airport usage all indicate the need to
17 enact more stringent regulations and review long existing
18 standards for the measurement, reduction, and abatement of
19 airport noise; and

20 WHEREAS, The current fly quiet program needs to be
21 re-evaluated for the purposes of instilling and sharing the
22 primary purpose of flight and community partnership at O'Hare
23 International Airport with all of the collar communities;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Federal
4 Aeronautics Administration and O'Hare International Airport
5 authorities to decrease jet noise over the communities of
6 Northwest Chicago and surrounding suburban areas; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That we urge O'Hare International Airport
9 authorities to consider the option of spreading flights around
10 the various runways of O'Hare International Airport in order to
11 equally distribute the burden of air traffic around the airport
12 and to put more resources towards the re-testing of noise
13 levels around the airport and the sound proofing of affected
14 homes and schools; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to pass H.R. 3650 in order
16 to combat this growing problem; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
18 delivered to the Commissioner of O'Hare International Airport,
19 the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aeronautics
20 Administration, and to each member of the Illinois
21 congressional delegation.